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(*f*) The removal of wood required by the ryots for domestic and agricultural purposes was not entirely free during the late zamindar's regime. He imposed a forest royalty of one per cent on the annual rental of each village and allowed the ryots to remove wood not exceeding 6 inches girth for making ploughs or for their agricultural and domestic purposes.

(*g*) The late zamindar included the royalty in the mustajari leases of the respective villages and made the mustajars responsible for its payment. After the Court of Wards assumed management, the Manager of the Estate excluded this item from the leases and entrusted its collection to the forest establishment and the village officers. This deviation resulted in the accumulation of arrears. The old method of including the royalty in the leases was therefore adopted again. This method is now in force.

(*h*) *and* (*i*) The mustajari system applying both to forests and agricultural lands has not resulted in any hardship to the ryots. They even seem to favour it.

(*j*) This point does not arise as the Court of Wards has recently accepted the proposal to drop the question of reservation of estate forests in general.

Appendix VI.

[*Vide* item II—Communications to the Council at page 290 supra.]

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

With reference to the answer given to a supplementary question to Question No. 261 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 8th September 1928, the following statement is laid on the table :—

Statement showing the number of shops closed or opened in the Ceded districts after the formation of the Excise Advisory Committees.

Districts.	Shops closed.						Shops opened.					
	Arrack.		Toddy.		Ganja.		Arrack.		Toddy.		Ganja.	
	Number.	Annual rentals.	Number.	Annual rentals.	Number.	Annual rentals.	Number.	Annual rentals.	Number.	Annual rentals.	Number.	Annual rentals.
		RS.		RS.				RS.		RS.		RS.
Cuddapah (*a*) ..	9	1,686	1	504	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Anantapur (*b*) .	Nil.	Nil.	3	2,604	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Bellary (*c*) ..	4	840	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	1	2,544	Nil.	Nil.	1	708
Kurnool ..	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil	4	7,056	2	8,520	1	1,116

(*a*) Excludes two arrack shops which were closed during the previous lease.

(*b*) Excludes five arrack and three toddy shops which were closed during the previous lease.

(*c*) Excludes three arrack shops and one toddy shop which were closed during the previous lease.

NOTE.—The shops newly opened were opened with the consent of the Excise Advisory Committee concerned.